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(e) whether a telegraph order of Government was sent to the Collector on 30th September 1931, intimating that the Government had rejected the recommendations for closing the shops in the said two taluks and ordered their sales also; and

(f) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the order of the Government and all the connected papers?

A.—(a) The auction sales were postponed pending the orders of Government regarding the closure of toddy shops in certain areas of the Gooty and Anantapur taluks.

(b) The Collector fixed the auction of toddy shops in the Gooty taluk for 27th July 1931 and that of the toddy shops in Anantapur taluk for 3rd August 1931.

(c) & (d) The Government have not the information.

(e) No telegraphic order was sent to the Collector by the Government on the subject.

(f) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table of the House.

Estimated fall in the Excise revenue of the Nellore district.

* 521 Q.—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) to what extent the toddy and arrack sales in Nellore district have been successful; and

(b) what the fall in the Excise revenue of the district will be during the current year?

A.—(a) & (b) The rentals realized by the sale of arrack shops in the Nellore district for the lease year which commenced on 1st April 1931 showed a fall of 41·4 per cent as compared with the rentals for 1930–31. The Government have called for a report in respect of the other points.

Fisheries

Aid to fishermen associations engaged in socio-economic work.

* 522 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any associations of fishermen on the West Coast engaged in socio-economic work;

(b) whether the Fisheries department is giving grants for them;

(c) whether the Sree Gnanodaya Samaj, Mangalore, at any time applied for grant and if so, what the orders of Government are ; and